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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 MAHAMED ALI JAMA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 CHASE ERIN, *et al.*,

12 Defendant.
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CASE NO. C18-1112RSL

ORDER REQUIRING MORE
DEFINITE STATEMENT

15 On September 18, 2018, plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* was
16 granted and his complaint was accepted for filing. The nature of plaintiff's claim or
17 claims is difficult to discern, however. He repeatedly states that he wants to know if the
18 system is working, noting that he has no place to stay and that he knows "what they did
19 to me." Dkt. # 7 at 3-5. Plaintiff lists two individuals and Seattle Housing as defendants.

20 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires "a short and plain statement of the
21 grounds for the court's jurisdiction" and "a short and plain statement of the claim
22 showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Although a complaint need not provide
23 detailed factual allegations, it must give rise to something more than mere speculation
24 that plaintiff has a right to relief. Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007).
25 The Court has reviewed the pleading under the standards articulated in 28 U.S.C.
26 § 1915(e)(2) and finds that plaintiff has not met his burden. Plaintiff has not alleged

1 facts establishing this Court's jurisdiction: there is no federal claim asserted, and it does
2 not appear that the parties are citizens of different states. Nor has plaintiff alleged what
3 defendants have done or what legal rights may have been violated. Additional facts are
4 needed to present a plausible claim for relief against any of the defendants listed in the
5 complaint.

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7 For all of the foregoing reasons, the Court declines to issue summons in this
8 matter. Plaintiff is hereby ORDERED to file on or before **November 6, 2018**, an
9 amended complaint which clearly and concisely identifies the basis for this Court's
10 jurisdiction and the acts of which each defendant is accused, how those acts violated
11 plaintiff's legal rights, and the relief requested. The key to filing an acceptable amended
12 complaint will be providing enough facts that one could conclude that plaintiff has a
13 right to relief that is as least plausible. The amended complaint will replace the existing
14 complaint in its entirety. Failure to timely file an amended complaint that asserts a
15 plausible claim for relief will result in dismissal of this action.

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17 The Clerk of Court is directed to place this Order Requiring More Definite
18 Statement on the Court's calendar for consideration on Friday, November 9, 2018.

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20 Dated this 3rd day of October, 2018.

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22 Robert S. Lasnik
23 United States District Judge
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